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December 6, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 18-336 and CC Docket No. 92-105 regarding the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018.

Dear Madam:

United Way of Lake County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the current effort undertaken by the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a three-digit number to the National Suicide Hotline and to assess the effectiveness of the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

In partnership with our community, we are preparing to launch United Way of Lake County 2-1-1 to serve individuals in Lake County, Illinois. We are working to ensure all individuals in Lake County, especially underserved populations, have a safe place to contact when they need help. As we launch United Way of Lake County 2-1-1, we welcome the opportunity to partner with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to provide a unified single point of access that will include increased access to suicide prevention and intervention services. We believe in the power of partnership to address gaps in services, and are prepared to be a valuable partner in the fight against suicide.

Please feel free to contact me for additional questions. Thank you for your time in addressing this important issue and for your consideration. For more information about United Way of Lake County, please visit www.liveunitedlakecounty.org

Sincerely,

Kristi Long

President and CEO